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SUBJECT: SUGAR: RENEGOTIATION OF ISA AND EC POSITION

REF: STATE 056364, GENEVA 2594 AND PREVIOUS

1. SUMMARY. AT MAY 7-30 SUGAR CONFERENCE IN GENEVA, IT BE-

CAME INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT MOST IMPORTANT DIFFICULTY IN  
NEGOTIATION OF NEW ISA WAS INABILITY OF EC TO GIVE ANY SPE-  
CIFIC INDICATION OF ITS FUTURE SUGAR POLICY. ALTHOUGH WE  
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BELIEVE THERE LITTLE CHANCE OF FULL RESOLUTION COMPLEX ISSUES INVOLVED BY SEPTEMBER RECONVENING OF CONFERENCE, EC IS UNDER PRESSURE FROM ALMOST ALL DELEGATIONS TO COME UP WITH MORE POSITIVE NEGOTIATING MANDATE. REQUEST MISSION REPORT DEVELOPMENTS IN EC POSITION OVER NEXT FEW MONTHS. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER PROPOSING EXTENSION OF CURRENT AGREEMENT IN OPENING STATEMENT, EC DELEGATION MADE ONLY LIMITED AND TECHNICAL INTERVENTIONS IN DEBATE. COMMISSION OFFICIALS ( JACQUOT AND TAZELAAR OF DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF AGRICULTURE) DID ALL THE TALKING. EC DELEGATION MEETINGS WERE FREQUENT AND PROLONGED, AND, ACCORDING TO BRITISH, RESULTED IN STALEMATE ON VIRTUALLY EVERY ITEM OF SUBSTANCE. FOR EXAMPLE, EC WAS UNABLE DECIDE WHETHER PARTICIPATE AS EXPORTER OR IMPORTER.

3. IN 1968, CONFERENCE DID NOT OFFER EXPORT QUOTA SUFFICIENT TO ENTICE EC INTO MEMBERSHIP. THERE WERE INDICATIONS AT GENEVA HOWEVER, THAT IN VIEW OF RAPID EXPANSION EC PRODUCTION SINCE 1968, SOME EXPORTERS PREPARED BE GENEROUS IN ATTEMPT TO INDUCE EC TO PUT SOME LIMIT ON EXPANSION AND EXPORTS. ALL EXPORTERS ARE MOST CONCERNED THAT EC CONTINUE TAKE 1.4 MILLION TONS ( PRESENTLY SUPPLIED TO U. K. UNDER COMMONWEALTH SUGAR AGREEMENT) FROM DEVELOPING COMMONWEALTH SUPPLIERS AFTER 1974 AND THAT U. K. IMPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA BE PHASED OUT IN ORDERLY MANNER. COMMONWEALTH SUPPLIERS THEMSELVES ARE SO FAR UNITED IN UNWILLINGNESS ACCEPT DECREASED ACCESS TO EC IN RETURN FOR HIGHER PRICES, A SOLUTION WE UNDERSTAND BEING URGED BY FRENCH AND BELGIANS.

4. AIRGRAM SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE FOLLOWS. IF MISSION REQUIRES FURTHER BACKGROUND ON NEGOTIATING ISSUES, DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE. RUSH

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